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Review: A useful reference manual, containing information up to June 1953, compiled from newspapers, periodicals, and questionnaires sent to private and official sources. Each section of the handbook gives sources or names and dates of original publication of information.

Five of the 14 sections in the handbook cover financial, economic, and agricultural developments in 1952 and the first half of 1953. The section dealing with national economic construction describes the general objectives of the basic construction program for 1953 and states that 17 new steel, chemical, machine, electric, automotive, and ship-building plants will be constructed in 1953. It also states that 20 of the existing plants will be expanded and renovated and that nine new thermal electric generating plants will also be built. Reviews the condition and production output of state-operated factories, mines, railways, and business concerns during the first quarter 1953.

Other sections deal with transportation, finance and fiscal and budgetary matters, population, agricultural production and water conservation.

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